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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. AUSTRALIA: WHITLAM SACKED--FOR NOW

CITING THE INABILITY OF PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM TO PUSH HIS MONEY SUPPLY BILLS THROUGH THE SENATE, QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GOVERNOR GENERAL SIR JOHN KERR DISMISSED HIM AND ASKED OPPOSITION LEADER MALCOLM FRASER TO HEAD A CARETAKER GOVERNMENT UNTIL ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD. THE MOVE'S ANNOUNCEMENT CAUSED AN UPROAR IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WHICH VOTED DOWN FRASER'S MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE DISSOLUTION AND PASSED A WHITLAM MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT. (UNCLASSIFIED) CANBERRA 7568, 11/11.)

2. ARGENTINA: MRS. PERON IN AN UNTENABLE POSITION

EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES REPORTS THAT MRS. PERON, HAVING LOST
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ALMOST ALL HER PUBLIC SUPPORT, REMAINS VIRTUALLY INCOMMU-

NICADO IN HER HOSPITAL ROOM AND REFUSES TO RESIGN. CIVIL-
IAN/CONSTITUTIONALIST FORCES ARE STILL UNDECIDED AS TO HOW
TO REMOVE HER, THE EMBASSY NOTES, BUT CLEARLY MUST FIND A
WAY SOON OR SEE THE MILITARY TAKE OVER. (CONFIDENTIAL)
BUENOS AIRES 7404, 11/10.) KISSINGER

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